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# **News**

### **4U1UN United Nations Headquarters -update**

Effective 13 June 2023, Mr. Metin Serbetci (K2ECE), a Senior Security Officer in UNDSS, will be taking my place as the next UNARC/4U1UN President. It is with a heavy heart that I must announce the relinquishment of my post and title. I've been at the helm of the United Nations Amateur Radio Club for close to 15 years, and while I've savored my experiences captaining the oldest and most prestigious UN staff recreational entity, I've recognized that the club I represent deserves so much more than I can give it. <a href="https://www.dx-world.net/news-4u1un/">https://www.dx-world.net/news-4u1un/</a>



### **IOTA Rule Amendment**

The IOTA Board agreed at its meeting on 25 May 2023 a number of amendments to IOTA Programme Rules B.3.8 and 3.9. Both have been rewritten to clarify whether they refer to contacts made by remote operating at the chaser end or at the island operator end. The main change at the chaser end is to increase the maximum acceptable distance between the home station and the remote station from 100 kilometres to 500 kilometres (310 statute miles). Both will still need to be located in the same DXCC entity and use of more than one remote site or a network using multiple remote sites will still not be permitted for credit. <a href="https://www.dx-world.net/iota-rule-amendment/">https://www.dx-world.net/iota-rule-amendment/</a>

### T31TT Kanton Island -update June 6

With nearly 60K QSOs in the log, here's some pictures of the T31TT activity courtesy Rebel DX Group - more pictures found here https://www.dx-world.net/t31tt-kanton-island/

### **CYOS Sable Island -QSL update**

The CYOS QSL cards have arrived from the printing company and K5DHY and WA4DAN are hard at work processing the QSL requests. Hundreds of CYOS QSL cards are being mailed everyday through the US Post Office. This process will continue seven days a week until all QSL requests are answered. We anticipate having all OQRS and direct requests completed by the end of June. We started with over 7000 QSL requests with more arriving everyday. Please be patient as we work through the backlog. We are working quite a few hours a day to get this completed. The CYOS card has six panels with two folds with a wonderful Sable Island horse on the front. You will see others throughout the card, enjoy! At the time of the CYOS DXpedition, there were 550 wild horses on the island.

# **DXCC**

# This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <a href="https://www.dx-world.net/">https://www.dx-world.net/</a> for updates.

**5Z, KENYA** Vlad, UA4WHX is operating as 5Z4/call from Maralal. Operation on HF using mostly CW. Length of stay is unknown. QSL via home call, direct only.

**6Y, JAMAICA** Pavel, CO7WT is operating as call/6Y until begin August. Pavel is on a business trip but is QRV during his spare time from 40 to 6 meter using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via IK2DUW, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Kasimir, DL2SBY will once again be active as 8Q7KB between June 13 and June 21. QRV mostly on the higher bands and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

CEOY, EASTER ISL From June 12-18, look out for Cristian XQ3PCN (CE3PCN) to be active from Hanga Roa, Easter Island as CE0Y/XQ3PCN, along with Manuel CE0Y/CA3YMR and Leonardo CE0Y/CE3KEY. QRV on 20-10m using delta-loops and 4 el beam. QSL via Homecalls, LoTW. D4, CAPE VERDE Oliver, DJ5QW is active from Sal Island as D4CW and D44DX until June 13. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau.

**ISO, SARDINIA** Stefan, DL3BY will be operating as ISO/call between June 9 and June 29. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi in QRP-style. QSL via home call.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Teru, JE7IZM is active until June 9 as call/JD1. Operation mainly on 15 and 17 meter during his spare time.

**P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA** Gio, ZL1BRA is currently operating and living in P.N.G. and is active as P29VBR on 10 meter using SSB and FT8 during his spare time. QSL via home call.

**T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI** After the T30UN DXpedition to Tarawa, W. Kiribati, the Rebel DX Group made a return visit to Kanton island and is QRV as T31TT until around June 12.

**TF, ICELAND** Dervin, PD9DX is operating as TF/call until June 9. Activity on HF using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via M0URX.

**TR, GABON** Roland, F8EN is once again active as TR8CR until July 31. Operation on HF using CW. OSL via F6AJA.

**V6, MICRONESIA** Look for V63WJR in 'holiday-style' on 15, 12, 10 and 20 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 until September. '*I operate at my pleasure and as my time permits (meaning when i am not snorkeling, surfing, scuba diving, or working on my boat).' QSL via WA7WJR, LoTW* 

**V7, MARSHALL ISL** Bob, N7XR is operating as V7/call until June 20 from Kwajalein Atoll. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via OQRS.

**VP6, DUCIE ISL VP6A** will be on the air from Ducie Island (OC-182) from June 10 to June 24, 2023 (actual dates will be subject to WX). There will be five stations on the air on all bands from 160 to 6 meters, working CW, SSB and FT8.

Following the successful test of remote operations at  $\underline{FO/AA7JV}$ , where over 11,000 remotely operated QSOs were made by five remote operators, VP6A will apply this concept to a full rare island DXpedition.

A total of 14 operators based in North American, Europe and Asia will operate land based remote controlled stations around the clock. There will only be three local operators at Ducie: W6IZT, KN4EEI and AA7JV. This small team will set up and maintain the stations and operate locally from the nearby boat. They will visit the island once a day to refuel the generators and do any necessary maintenance. In line with the minimum foot-print concept, no camping on the island.

On the scene...T31TT Kanton Island





# Coming up soon

A2, BOTSWANA V5, NAMIBIA

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA

Steffen, DL1SX is travelling with a 4x4 through South Africa, Namibia and Botswana from mid-June until mid-July. Operation during his spare time as ZS/call, V5/call and A25SX.

**7Q**, **MALAWI** On a missionary effort, but a lot of time devoted to amateur radio, Bill K4CD and Jerry W1IE will be visiting Malawi during June 21 to July 3. Providing support at the Embangweni Mission Hospital which also has a radio shack nearby (pictured), look for them as 7Q7WW from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via W1IE.

**KHO, MARIANA ISL** Harry, JG7PSJ will once again be active as WH0RU between June 21 and June 26. Operation in 'holiday-style' from Saipan from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

OJO, MARKET REEF Sebastian DG5CST, Roland DK4RC and Norbert DL4DTU as OJ0ME between June 18 and June 24. Operation on 2m 2 X 9 El. 500 W, 70cm 3m dish 500 W, 23cm hope for license, 13cm 3m dish 75 W, 9cm 3m dish 75 W, 6cm 1,8m dish 60 W, 3cm 1,8m dish 60W.

YJ, VANUATU Chris, VK2YUS will once again be active as YJ0CA from Efate during June 17-28. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct.

Back in time...FR5ZQ/G Glorioso Isl 2000 Zone ISLANDS REUNION TROMELIN GLORIEUSES **R5Z0** JUAN DE NOVA EUROPA Imprim\*heure TO RADIO DATE GMT FREQ MODE TNX)PSE RST

# <u>IOTA</u>

# This week on air

### **ASIA**

### **IOTA tour / Timor Leste**

Rudi, DK7PE got in touch to say he's currently visiting and activating some Indonesian islands as **YB9/DK7PE**. He mentions that during June he will probably be in Dili, East Timor and QRV from there (IOTA OC-148) using wire antennas and 100w.

**AS-106 Minicoy Isl** Yuris, YL2GM is active until June 18. Focus on 6 meter. This was made possible with a significant financial support from 26 Japanese operators. QSL via Club Log OQRS or direct via home call. <a href="https://www.lral.lv/vu7w/">https://www.lral.lv/vu7w/</a>

**AS-200 Shodo Isl** Take JS6RRR is once again QRV as JI3DST until July 5. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via QRZ.com information.

### **EUROPE**

**EU-028 Elba** Domenico IK1MNF is active as call/IA5 until end September. Operation from 20 to 6 meter. The equipment consists of verticals and a FinnFet-PA. QSL via home call. **EU-050 Tremiti Isl** Franco, IZ5IUY will be QRV as IL7/call between June 10 and June 29. Operation from 40 to 6 meter and on 144Mhz and 433Mhz. QSL via home call. **EU-137 Ven Isl** Lars, SM6CUK is once again active as SA6G/7 until June 11. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW with some SSB. Equipment is a Elecraft K3 and verticals. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW and Club Log.

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-067 Huahine Isl** Didier, F6BCW is operating as FO/call from Huahine Island OC-067. Activity until October from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

# Coming up soon

### **EUROPE**

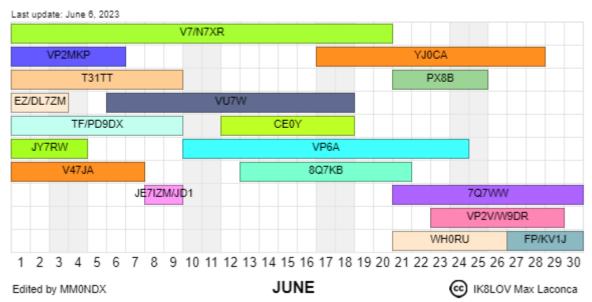
**EU-064 Noirmoutier Isl** Look for ON6ZV, ON6OM and ON7EG as TM4IPA between June 17 and June 23. F/ON4IPA and F/OO6P will also be used from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and digi. More on Untitled Document (qsl.net)

### **SOUTH AMERICA**

**SA-045 Ilha de Bailique** Look for PY8WW as PX8B between June 21 and June 25. Operation from 80 to 6 meter. QSL via home call.

# **DXCC Timeline**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS Announced DX

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

CEOZ, JUAN FERNANDEZ A team with Nick XQ1KZ, Pablo CE1KV, Willy XQ3SA, Willy XQ3SK, Mike AB5EB, Ez HI3R, Otis NP4G, Zoli HA1AG, Trey N5KO and Marco CE1EW (Team Leader) will be operating as CB0ZA during February 13-20, 2024. Plans are to be QRV from the Juan Fernandez National Park CA-0022 from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB, digi and EME (6 and 2 meter). QSL via HA1AG. http://cb0za.com/

FT/G GLORIOSO ISL Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands

as FT4GL later this year. DX-World is aware of the dates but this info will first be released at FHN, Ham Radio, Germany at the end of June. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. A website is under construction.



**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NQJ/JD1 will once again be operating starting around July 20. Operation mainly on CW with some FT8.

**XW, LAOS** Simon, HS0ZIB will once again be active after 2 years starting end June. Operation in 'QRP-style' as XW0LP. QTH is near Luang Prabang.

**Z8, SOUTH SUDAN** After a short break, Diya YI1DZ will again be active from South Sudan as Z81D starting mid-July. QRV on FT8. QSL via OM3JW.

### THE REMINDERS

Pacific Tour by Uli DL2AH

KHO, MARIANA ISL Rota Island August 31-September 14 as KHO/call

KH2, GUAM September 16-30 as KH2/call

**V7, MARSHALL ISL** October 3-15 (call pending)

V6, MICRONESIA October 18-30 as V63AH

Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

**5W, SAMOA** Livio 9A7Y, Mladen 9A2NA, Borut S50B and Rolando 9A3MR will be active as 5W0LM between October 1 and October 14. Operation from 1.8 to 50 Mhz using CW, SSB and FT8. QTH is Malololelei near Apia. QSL via 9A3MR.

**5X, UGANDA** Thomas, DL7BO will be active as 5X7O from Kampala. Dates not yet known. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DJ6TF. More to follow.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Bert, CX3AN will be QRV as 8Q7HU between July 11-18 from Dhaalu Atoll. Activity from 40 to 6 meter. QSL via EB7DX.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Vincent, HB9VCJ will be active from the Cocoon Maldives Resort, Ookolhufinolhu, Lhaviyani Atoll, Maldives as 8Q7VJ. Dates not yet known, but the license (issued by Communications Authority of Maldives) stipulates the period May 20 to August 8. More to follow.

**8R, GUYANA** Jamie M0SDV and Philipp DK6SP will lead a team of young and enthusiastic operators on an exciting 10-day DXpedition in Guyana 8R (Callsign TBD). The team will consist of four members, including their close friends Sven DJ4MX and Tomi HA8RT, who share their passion for amateur radio and DXing. The DXpedition will take place between 14th February 2024 and 24th February 2024, during which the team will cover a wide range of bands from 160m to 6m, including WARC bands. However, they will not be operating on 60m due to licensing restrictions.

**9Q, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO** Vlad, OK2WX will be active as 9Q2WX between August 20 and September 9. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via IZ8CCW. <a href="https://www.mdxc.support/9q3wx/">https://www.mdxc.support/9q3wx/</a>

**9Q, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO** 6-18 September are the dates for the Italian DX Team's operation from Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo. Seven operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CKR, IK2HKT and IV3ZXQ) will be active as 9Q1AA (SSB, CW and RTTY) and 9Q1ZZ (FT8 F/H) with at least four stations on 80-6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8, 160m CW and

FT8, 20 metres RTTY. They will also be active via the QO-100 satellite. <a href="http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/90">http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/90</a>, BURUNDI Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

**C2, NAURU** Look again for C21TS sometime in July 2023. Plans are on track for a longer and better equipped operation. More news expected soon.

CY9, ST PAUL ISL The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9, in July/August 2024. Access to St Paul Island is only available in the two months of July and August. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

**E6, NIUE** Michael, DF8AN will be operating as E6AJ between November 3 and November 10. Operation on HF using CW and digi in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call.

**E6, NIUE** Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM between October 10 and October 27. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logsuploaded during the Dxpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.



FOO, CLIPPERTON ISL The Perseverance DX Group is planning a major DXpedition to Clipperton Island during January 18 and February 2, 2024. Plan is to be QRV as TX5S between 160 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. It has been 11 years since the last activation. Team members include: Jacky ZL3CW, Dave K3EL, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Glenn KE4KY, Chris N6WM, Arliss W7XU, Philippe FO4BM, Dave WD5COV and Andreas N6NU. Joining the team will be a scientist from the University of French Polynesia who will conduct studies while on the island. <a href="https://clip.pdxg.net/">https://clip.pdxg.net/</a>

**FO/M MARQUESAS ISL** A large team with F6BCW, F6EEQ, F6FMC, F6HBI, F5VHQ, F5JRX, F5LRL, F4ISZ and F1MNQ will be active as TX7L from Hiva Oa Island during November 4-19. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8 and RTTY with 4 stations. QSL via F6EXV or Club Log OQRS.

**FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON** The next trip to FP by KV1J is planned for June 27 until July 11. QRV in various contests throughout the period. Activity on 80-6m; CW, SSB, Digi.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19,the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed sometime in 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <a href="http://www.to5t.com/">http://www.to5t.com/</a>

**FS, ST MARTIN** The next TO9W will take place from November 26 until December 8. The 2023 team includes K9NU, N9EP, FS4WBS, W9AP and K9EL. Operation on all bands and all modes with focus on low bands and CW. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. Real-time upload via Club Log, LoTW or via W9ILY direct. <a href="https://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm">https://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm</a>

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.

**H4, SOLOMON ISL** A team of Washington State amateur radio operators will be active as H44WA in March 2024. More to follow. <a href="http://www.h44wa.com/">http://www.h44wa.com/</a>

H40, TEMOTU The Intrepid DX Group has released their next DXpedition to Temotu Province as

H40WA between November 15 and November 29. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. Temotu 2023 DXpedition – Intrepid DX Group (intrepid-dx.com)

Juan Fernandez, CEOZ (Robinson Crusoe Island)



KH8, SWAINS ISL The W8S DXpedition to Swains Island is now set to take place on October 4 - 17. The team (DJ9RR, DL2AMD, DL6JGN, KO8SCA, NG7M, PA2KW, PA3EWP, PA4WM, PA5X and PG5M) will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY on all bands with six stations from two operating sites. "Due to Covid and the global economic situation, our costs have increased considerably compared to 2020", PA3EWP says. The total cost has increased to EUR 125,000, and donations will be gratefully accepted.

**OY, FAROES** Thomas DC8TM and Martina DF3TS will be active as OY/calls between June 25 and July 5. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS Look for PJ5/PA4O and PJ5/PE6Q between July 6 and July 18. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the IARU HF Championship is included as PJ5C. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**PJ6, SABA** PJ6DX callsign recently added to the QRZ.com database by Tom KH0/KC0W. This will be a CW DXpedition. More to follow.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Ben, PE5B will be operating as PJ7/call from July 7 until July 14. Operation on HF using SSB and RTTY. QSL via LoTW.

**S7, SEYCHELLES** A team with G3WPH, G4IRN, G4PVM and GD4XUM will be active S79K during the CQWW DX CW contest (November 25-26). Outside contest active as S79/homecalls.

**T8, PALAU** Yoshi JR3QFB (T88JH), Miyo JO3LVG (T88MK) and Hiro JM1LIG (T88FM) will be active from the Palau Radio Club / Shack during September 12 and September 18. QRV on HF bands using various modes. QSL via homecalls.

**V6, MICRONESIA** Miki, JJ2CJB will be operating as V63CB during the CQWW SSB contest (Oct 28-29). QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

**VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL** Chris, GM3WOJ and Keith, GM4YXI (both previously A35V, V6Z, VK9CZ, ZK2V) will be active from Christmas Island as VK9XGM during November 21 to December 5, 2023. Two stations active on SSB/CW. Also one station active on FT8 or FT4. Multi-two entry in the CQWW CW Contest 2023.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl during June 23-29. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information. **VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.





**VP9, BERMUDA** Dave, G4OSY will be active from Hamilton Parish between June 27 and July 8 as VP9/call. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB with some CW. QSL via home call. **YJ, VANUATU** A team with NC7M (YJ0TT), K6VHF (YJ0NA), W6UC (YJ0UC) and NG7E (YJ0ET) will be QRV from Port Vila from October 26 until November 3. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi + 23cm EME. <a href="https://www.dxobsessed.org/">https://www.dxobsessed.org/</a>

YJ, VANUATU A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in October 2024. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15. YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO">https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO</a>

# On the scene...MM0UKI Rockall Island EU-189 -> more on <a href="https://www.dx-world.net/mm0uki-isle-of-rockall-eu-189/">https://www.dx-world.net/mm0uki-isle-of-rockall-eu-189/</a>



# **IOTA**

### THE NEWCOMERS

### **EUROPE**

**EU-064 Ile Noirmoutier** Look for DL1KVN as F/call/P between July 15 and July 28. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB during his spare time. A one day trolley trip is included to Ile d'yeu EU-064.

### **THE REMINDERS**

### **ASIA**

AS-039 Commander Isl A team with R7AA, UA7A, UA6EX and RM0F will be QRV as RI0Z between August 18 and September 3. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via R7AA. <a href="https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/ri0z/">https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/ri0z/</a>

**AS-107 Samet Isl** E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

### **EUROPE**

**EU-137 Ven Isl** A Danish team will be QRV as SM7/OZ5BAL during July 28-30. An entry in the IOTA contest is included. QSL via OZ0J, direct or bureau, Club Log.

**EU-145 Ilha Deserta** Frank, DH0VA will be active as CT7/call between June 29 and July 11. Operation on 20 meter using CW only. QSL via home call, more on Instagram dh0va\_c01.

### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-176 Petite-Ile-au-Marteau** Team VB2M will be operating between July 22 and July 30, with an entry in the IOTA contest. Operation nonstop from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl Joe, OZ0J will be operating between September 15 and September 21.

Activity from 80 to 10 meter depending free space for antennas. Call is pending. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or home call.

# **Lighthouse**

**FR-0014 Berck-sur-Mer** Look for a German team as TM0BSM during August 16-21. The team with DJ8EI, DL1DCT, DL8KR, DK5OPA, DL5KA and DJ5KX will be QRV on HF and QO-100 (CW/SSB). QSL via LoTW only.

# **Special calls**

### THE NEWCOMERS

**F, FRANCE** Michel, F8GGZ will be active as **TM400BP** on 14-21 June. The special callsign memorializes the 400th anniversary since the birth of Blaise Pascal, the French mathematician, physicist, inventor, philosopher and writer (19 June 1623). QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX) **I, ITALY** Launched in 1904, the "Elettra" was a two-masted steam yacht that Guglielmo Marconi used as a floating laboratory for many experiments. Part of her keel stands in the grounds of Villa Griffone, at Pontecchio near Bologna, from where ARI Fidenza will be active as **IY4FGM** on 10-11 June.

**LX, LUXEMBOURG** Amateur radio operators from France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Germany have hold a meeting in Luxembourg since 1969. Look for special event call **LX8SAR** to be aired during this year's event, which will take place on 16-18 June at Weicherdange. All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau.

OK, CHECH REPUBLIC The special station, which will earn you 5 points in the competition for the 100th anniversary of the start of regular radio broadcasting in Czechoslovakia and a connection with it is necessary to win the gold diploma, will be activated for the second time on Friday 9 June 2023 and will be identified by callsign **OL100R**. To commemorate the pioneers who started radio broadcasting, this station will be active on medium waves at 1233 kHz with classical modulation A2 and A3 and connections with this station will be established crossband. Station OL100R will announce the frequencies in the amateur bands on which it will listen to your calling and will respond to you on 1233 kHz. Frequencies will be announced on 1233 kHz and at https://ceskyradioklub.cz/aktuality/aktivita-ol100radio. Transmission will commence 18:00 UTC hours and is expected to operate until 20:00 UTC, possibly longer as long as there is interest in joining. As this is not a standard contest, but a contest to commemorate the anniversary, and the organizer wishes to allow DX stations to win the gold diploma, there are exceptionally no objections to the use of the SDR web receiver for reception on medium wave. Please use CW mode for telegraph contact, OL100R will answer you with A2 modulation, for phonic contact use SSB mode, OL100R will answer you with A3 modulation. See <a href="https://cro100.cz/">https://cro100.cz/</a>, QRZ.com and https://ceskyradioklub.cz/aktuality/akt

### THE REMINDERS

**5H, TANZANIA 5H100TC** is the special callsign that TA1HZ, currently stationed in Tanzania and active as 5H8HZ, has been granted to use <u>during 2023</u> in celebration of the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

**9A, CROATIA 9A66AA** is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

**A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** The national ham organisation EARS runs the special event station A60AP with additional designators /0 to /15 to mark their country's astronaut programme:

A60AP/0 Op. A61Y QSL: EA7FTR A60AP/1 Op. A61M QSL: A61BK QSL: EA7FTR A60AP/2 Op. A610 A60AP/3 Op. A61FK QSL: A61BK Op. A61BK QSL: A61BK A60AP/4 Op. A61DD QSL: EA7FTR A60AP/5 A60AP/6 Op. A61QQ QSL: A61BK A60AP/7 Op. A61AY QSL: DIRECT Op. A65GC QSL: DIRECT A60AP/8 A60AP/9 Op. A61ZX QSL: IZ8CLM A60AP/10 Op. A65BR QSL: DIRECT Op. A61NN QSL: EA7FTR A60AP/11

**A60AP/12** Op. A65GD QSL: Direct A60AP/13 Op. A65GJ QSL: Direct A60AP/14 Op. A61FJ QSL: LZ1YE A60AP/15 Op. A61DI QSL: EA7FTR

They remain active <u>until the end of August</u>. (TNX DXNL) For more information see: <u>https://www.mbrsc.ae/service/astronaut\_proq/</u>

**DL, GERMANY** Special event callsign **DM23BUGA** is active <u>until October 8</u>. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. The suffix stands for "Bundesgartenschau", the biennial horticulture show and festival that this year will take place in Mannheim. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY DR45HAAN** is the special callsign for DARC's Ortsverband Haan (R24) to celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary <u>until September 30</u>. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL7ET. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY DR100XRAY** commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Wilhelm Roentgen, inventor of the X-rays and winner of the Nobel Prize for physics in 1901. QRV <u>until the end of June</u>. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** Special callsign **DROLIMES** is active <u>until June 30</u> for this year's German World Heritage Day (4 June). The "limes" was the border line of the Roman Empire at its greatest extent. In 2005, the remnants of the Upper German-Raetian Limes were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list as "Frontiers of the Roman Empire". (TNX 425DX)



**DL, GERMANY** The DARC club V22 runs the special event station **DM775NB** (special DOK NB775) to mark the 775th anniversary of the city Neubrandenburg in 2023. QSL via bureau or direct to DM6RAC. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use <u>during 2023</u>. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX) **DL, GERMANY** DARC Team SES will operate special event callsign **DB23SOWG** on 1-25 June. The suffix stands for Special Olympics World Games, the world's largest sporting event for athletes with intellectual dis- abilities whose 16th edition will be held in Berlin (17-25 June). QSL via the bureau, or direct to DL2VFR. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** For the 71st year the Association des Radioamateurs de la Sarthe (F6KFI) will operate a special event station for the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Look for **TM24H** on 28 May-11 June, with activity on various bands and modes. QSL via Club Logìs OQRS, or via F6KFI. (TNX 425DX) **F, FRANCE** Members of the Association des Radioamateurs Vauclusiens (F5KPO) will operate a series of eight special callsigns (T**M230VA, TM230UC, TM230LU, TM230SE and TM84VA, TM84UC, TM84LU, TM84SE**) on 2-25 June for the 230th anniversary of the creation of the French Department of Vaucluse. QSL via eQSL. A number of certificates will be available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/TM230VA for information. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Franck, F4DTO, and Pattrick, F4GFE, mark the 350th anniversary of D'Artagnan's

death with the callisgn TM350DA until the end of September. An award is also available: Bronze = QSOs on 3 bands, Silver = QSOs on 4 bands, Gold = QSOs on 5 bands, Platinum = QSOs on 6 bands For more information see grz.com. QSL via F4GFE (d/B).

G, ENGLAND Radio amateurs in the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies may use a special Regional Secondary Locator until end June to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III (alternatively, they can append the suffix "/23C" to their callsigns). The RSL - i.e. the second letter in the existing callsign (**D**, **I**, **J**, **M**, **U** and **W**, plus E for Intermediate licences) - may be replaced by the letter 'R'; where no RSL exists, the letter 'R' may be added. Club Log will map all the GR/MR/2R callsigns to England, unless a callsign exception exists for the station. A number of awards will be available; see https://rsqb.org/coronation for the details. Also taking part in the celebrations will be a number of GB special callsigns, including stations from England (GB0KCC, GB0KCH, GB1KC, GB2KCC, GB3KCR, GB4HCC, GB4KC, GB4RLS), Jersey (GB3KCJ) and North- ern Ireland (GB0KC, GB8KC, GB8KCC, GB9HRH) to name a few. QSL, if any, via operators' instructions. (TNX 425DX)

**G, ENGLAND GB2KC** marks the coronation <u>during June</u>.

### John, V47JA says:

"The little 3el beam is not much at 15 feet up, but good enough for 186 Q's in 46 countries on 6m in three days, using 100 watts on FT8. But being 300 ft from the

Caribbean Sea sure helps".



**GU, GUERNSEY** To mark the 19<sup>th</sup> Island Games, look for **GB5IG** from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, on 80 to 10m, SSB, FT8/FT4, and some satellite work, including QO-100. There may be some CW activity too. QSL will be via LoTW, or direct only to GU8ITE.

Once every two years, thousands of athletes from across the globe — from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean, the North Atlantic to the Caribbean and South Atlantic — come together to compete in the NatWest International Island Games. In 1985, as part of their Year of Sport, the Isle of Man set in motion an ambitious plan to bring together athletes from small islands across the world to take part in a new sporting festival dubbed the 'Inter-Island Games'.

700 sportsmen and women from 15 islands landed on Manx soil for what the UK national press called the 'Small Islands Mini Olympics'. Competitors hailed from the Faroe Islands and Scandinavia in the northern hemisphere, the British Isles, the Mediterranean and as far afield as St Helena in the South Atlantic—a 5,000-mile trip.

- I, ITALY Celebrating the centenary of the Italian Air Force (28 March 1923), a large number of special callsigns is active <u>until June 20</u>: IIOAQN, IIOBPL, IIOCMP, IIOFRO, IIOGUI, IIOLAT, IIOMVV, IIOPDM, IIORMC, IIICAM, II2MIL, II2VNG, II3AFT, II3AVI, II3BLN, II3GOR, II3IST, II4PNF, II5PIS, II5PON, II6PES, II7BRI, II7LEG, II8RCL, II8REG, II8VVL, II9CMS, II9CTF, II9CVT, II9PAB, II9SIG, II9TMM, IO5LUT, IO9MAR, IY1TO. (TNX 425DX)
- I, ITALY Ninety-five years ago (25 May 1928) the airship "Italia" crashed on the ice on its way back from the North Pole, and a small tent dyed red for maximum visibility was the only shelter for the survivors. Commemorating the role of radio (and amateur radio) in rescuing the Red Tent survivors, special callsign II1ITR is active on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and CW until July 12. QSL via IZ1ETD. See https://www.qrz.com/db/II1ITR for more information. (TNX 425DX) I, ITALY Members of ARI Novara are active as II1CAI until end June. The special callsign memorializes the 100th anniversary of the local section of the glorious Club Alpino Italiano (the Italian Alpine Club, founded in 1863). QSL via IQ1NO. (TNX 425DX)
- **I, ITALY** The ARI section Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

<u>June</u>: **II4SSM**; SASSO MARCONI (BO): at Villa Griffone, first wireless contact in history (1895) <u>July</u>: **II4SPZ**; LA SPEZIA: experiments with the Italian military Navy (1897)

<u>August</u>: **II4GAR**; GOLFO ARANCI (SS): Short Wave contact with Rocca di Papa (Rome) 1932) <u>September</u>: **II4CGD**; CASTEL GANDOLFO (ROME): inauguration of the microwave full - duplex system with the Vatican (1933)

October: **II4SML**; S. MARGHERITA LIGURE (GE): microwave RTX experiments (1931) November: **II4CLT**; COLTANO (PI): inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental radiotelegraphic station (1911)

<u>December</u>: **II4CDV**; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931) For QSL information see qrz.com. An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available.(TNX DXNL)

- LA, NORWAY LA100K is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use <a href="mailto:during 2023">during 2023</a>. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX) LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns <a href="mailto:during 2023">during 2023</a> to honour as many different Orthodox saints: LZ78KA (June), LZ1015RW (July and August), LZ288MS (September and October), and LZ600PA (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <a href="mailto:https://www.lz1kcp.com/">https://www.lz1kcp.com/</a>. (TNX 425DX)
- **OE, AUSTRIA OE40XTU** is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary <u>during 2023</u>. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)
- **OK, CHECH REPUBLIC** The private company Radiojournal began regular radio broadcasts in Czechoslovakia on 18 May 1923. **OL100RADIO**, **OL100RJ**, **OL23RADIO** and **OL23RJ** are the special callsigns for the Czech Radio Club to mark "100 years of broadcasting in OK-land". Look for activity on all bands and modes <u>until June 18</u>. A certificate will be available, see qrz.com under any of the special callsigns for information. (TNX 425DX)
- **ON, BELGIUM OT20CW** draws attention to efforts to recognise Morse Code as an UNESCO heritage. QSL via ON6YH, LoTW, Eqsl.
- **ON, BELGIUM OQ95RCL** is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. Free award is available see <a href="https://hamlog.online/club/rcl/713">https://hamlog.online/club/rcl/713</a> (TNX 425DX)

- **PA, THE NETHERLANDS** On 5 May 1923 the Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies opened officially the two-way telegraphy radio service from Radio Malabar (callsign PKX) to Radio Kootwijk in the Netherlands (callsign PCG). Celebrating the 100th anniversary of those pioneer stations in the field of long-range long-wave telegraphic communication, special event stations **PA100K**, **PA100M** and **PA100PCG** are active <u>until end June</u>. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. A certificate will be available; detailed information can be found on <a href="https://radioclublimburg.nl/mk/index.html">https://radioclublimburg.nl/mk/index.html</a>. (TNX 425DX)
- **PA, THE NETHERLANDS** The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign PA85TP <u>during 2023</u> and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call **PA30SPARC**. An award for QSOs with these callsigns and PI9TP is also available from the Manager Edwin, PE5ENJ (<u>pd5enj@msn.com</u>). (TNX DXNL)
- **SM, SWEDEN 8S80AA** is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on https://www.sk5aa.se/. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)
- **SV, GREECE** Look for **SX2AIGAI** to mark International Museum Weekend during the weekend June 17-18 and June 24-25. SX2AIGAI Callsign Lookup by QRZ Ham Radio
- **TA, TURKEY** Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100, TC100TA, TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)
- **UA, RUSSIA** Commemorating the role that radio (and radio amateurs) had in rescuing the survivors of the airship "Italia" disaster, special callsigns **RT95NS**, **RT95MS** and **RT95KG** (QSLs via RN3RQ) will be active <u>from 25 May to 12 July</u>. The suffixes memorialize Nikolai Schmidt, the radio amateur who first picked up the SOS on 3 June 1928, and his close friend Mikhail Smirnov, as well as Aleksandr Kozhevnikov and Vladislav Grzhibovsky, radio amateurs and radiomen on board two of the ships that participated in the search and rescue operations. Also active will be R1LK (QSL via RV1AQ), the onboard amateur radio station of the "Krasin", the icebreaker (now a museum ship in Saint Petersburg) that reached the castaways on 12 July 1928. A couple of certificates will be available on https://hamlog.online/ for contacts made with these stations and IIIITR. (TNX 425DX)
- **VE, CANADA CK3WEJ**, operated by Dave, VE3WEJ, celebrates King Charles' coronation. All Canadian amateurs may use special prefixes <u>until July 2</u>. QSL via LoTW.
- VK, AUSTRALIA VK100ZL celebrates the first trans-Tasmanian radio contact between New Zealand and Australia in 1923. QRV until the end of 2023. ZL100 is active until July 25.
- **VK, AUSTRALIA VI100MB** is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until <u>25 February 2024</u>. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)
- **VK, AUSTRALIA VI75G** is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)
- **VK, AUSTRALIA VI10VKFF** is the special callsign celebrating the 10th anniversary of the World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) programme in Australia (https://www.wwffaustralia.com/). It will be used from Australian Parks <u>until end 2023</u>. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via VK5PAS (direct or bureau). (TNX 425DX)
- **VR, HONG KONG** In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, radio amateurs in Hong Kong are permitted to use the special call prefix "**VR25**" <u>until end June</u>.
- **VU, INDIA** Look for **AU40NRO** <u>until end June</u> to celebrate The 40th anniversary of the National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR). QSL via VU2NRO. (TNX 425DX)
- **XE, MEXICO** Special callsign **4B0T** is used until the end of June. "As its name implies, it is a semi-automated station or bot that uses the WSJT-Z program", Ramon XE1KK says. "The goal of the experiment is to test different scripts of the program while pointing the antenna in unusual directions and at different times". 4B0T will primarily operate on 10 and 12 metres FT4, and on 6 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW only. (TNX 425DX)
- YO, ROMANIA YR1400VT is the special callsigns that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using <u>until June 30</u> to popularize the newly inaugurated Via Transilvanica, a long-distance trail (1400 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. (TNX 425DX)
  YU, SERBIA The Serbian Amateur Radio Union in the Vojvodina celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign YU75SRV throughout 2023. QSL via Club Log, eQSL, qrz.com.